

The
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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Davies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report upon the Sanitary Conditions of your District during the year ended the 31st December, 1943.

The Dolgelley Rural District Council consists of 13 parishes and has an area of 105,128 acres.

The Rateable Value on the 1st October, 1943 was £26,504 and the sums represented by a penny rate on the 31st March, 1943 was £103 : 6 : 1.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>For I.M. etc.</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total</u>	47	54
	Legitimate	43	48
	Illegitimate	4	6
<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Total</u>	2	—
	Legitimate	2	—
	Illegitimate	—	—

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	1	—

PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1 M.O.H. (Part Time), 1 Sanitary Inspector (Certificated), Full time in conjunction with DOLGELLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

The Ambulance service is controlled by a joint Committee of the Dolgelley Urban and Rural Districts and the Barmouth Urban District Councils. An Ambulance Van to serve the three areas is stationed at Dolgelley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Aberangell Water Supply. The reservoir and water mains are functioning satisfactorily, but the supply at the source is inadequate during dry weather, 28 dwelling houses are connected to the mains.

Mergerdolwyn Water Supply. This supply is satisfactory, 114 dwelling houses are supplied with water.

Penntdu Water Supply. This supply is working satisfactorily, but a short section of the main requires renewing as soon as circumstances permit, 40 dwelling houses are supplied with water.

Dyffryn Water Supply. The filter, chlorination plant, reservoir and mains are working efficiently and the results of the water analysis is "Highly Satisfactory", 250 dwelling houses are connected to the mains.

Corris Water Supply. Complaints have been received that the water was discoloured and unpleasant for drinking and also very unsatisfactory, 28 dwelling houses are supplied by this water supply. This supply is receiving attention.

Llanegryn Water Supply. New wash-out valves and frequent flushing of the mains have given good results, and the supply is now working satisfactorily, 81 dwelling houses are supplied by this water supply.

Llanelltyd Water Supply. No progress has been made to increase and improve the supply to this village, 17 dwelling houses are supplied with water.

Llwyngwrl Water Supply. The water supply, filter and chlorination plant have functioned satisfactorily, 153 dwelling houses are connected to the mains.

Talybont Water Supply. This supply is satisfactory, 51 dwelling houses are supplied by this water supply.

Taicyrhacaf Water Supply. 15 dwelling houses are connected to the mains. Although the filter media have been replaced the filter is still unsatisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Corris. No further progress has been made in respect of a sewerage scheme for this village.

Dyffryn. Plans of a sewerage scheme for the village have been submitted to the Ministry of Health, but further progress has been suspended for the duration of hostilities.

Fairbourne. This scheme is working satisfactory

Llwyngwrl. This scheme is also working satisfactory.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There are no industries in the district to pollute the rivers and streams. There are some careless individuals who throw household refuse into streams. In the districts which are regularly scavenged there is no excuse for this objectional habit. Warning notices are posted up in some localities to prevent this undesirable custom, but it is not easy to abolish it altogether.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Water Closets	427
Dry Earth	1973
Midden Privies	108

SCAVENGING.

The Council undertakes the scavenging of the villages of Dyffryn, Llanelltyd, Arthog and Barmouth Junction, Friog and Fairbourne, Llwyngwrl, Llanegryn, Abergynolwyn, Corris, Aberllefenni and Mallwyd. These are let out on contract for twelve months.

Contractors/

Contractors have to remove all house refuse between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., and are responsible that the lorry or cart in use has a suitable cover. In all cases the refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on sites provided by this Authority, and in a purely rural area of this kind, which is so sparsely populated, there is no difficulty in efficiently disposing of refuse of all kinds.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was necessary in this respect during the past year. We have no fall of smoke to intercept the sunshine of the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no (a) public or (b) privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public.

SHELL FISH (MOLLUSCUM)

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the district.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No action was necessary during the past year.

HOUSING.

No reliable record of housing conditions and overcrowding can be maintained owing to the fluctuating circumstances consequent to war-time conditions.

A new survey is being made and records kept of houses unsuitable for repair. This survey will form the basis of post war housing.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the Year :-

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts).

77

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose

79

(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head

(1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.

Nil.

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose

Nil.

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.

74

Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation

21

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.

2

Action/

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ;

(a) By Owners 9

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts;

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-

(a) By Owners 30

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936;

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in Pursuance of Demolition Orders. Nil.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil.

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No action was possible during the last year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total number of formal notices issued	22
" " complied with	19
Total number of informal notices issued	0
" " complied with	0
Total number of new houses completed:-	
(a) By Local Authority	0
(b) By private enterprise	0
Number of Plans - New Houses	0
- Buildings	0
Visits to Bakshouses	0
Number of Notices re, defects	0
Visits to Cowsheds	120
Number of visits re, defects	80
Visits to Milk Shops.	0
Number of Notices re, defects	0
Visits to Dairies	80
Visits to Slaughter Houses	0
Number of Notices re, defects	0

Notices/

Notices re Removal of Ashes	7
Removal of Manure	10
Notice re, Defective Drains	22
Number of Visits to cases of Infectious Diseases	35
Number of Houses disinfected	33
Notice of defective Water fittings	16
Of Pail Closets converted into W.C.	2
Total number of Water Closets	10
Pail Closets	0
Privies or other closets	0
Number of closets serving more than one house	10
Milk Samples taken for Ministry of Health	
for County Council	297
for Local Sanitary Authority	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There are licensed by the County Council, 9 producers of Tuberculin Tested (Certificated) Milk within the area. Samples of T.T.Milk are sent once a quarter to Aberystwyth for analysis on behalf of the County Council and the results have been satisfactory.

The cowsheds and dairies in many cases need improvement in structure, to provide better light, increased ventilation, impervious stalls, better water supplies and drainage systems. The difficulties with the smaller farms are many, but about 22 farms have already been completed to meet modern demands. On the whole, the cowsheds are clean, periodically limewashed and the standard of milk produced is good.

MEAT.

No animals are slaughtered for human consumption in the Rural Area. The Slaughtering is carried out at the abattoir situated in the Urban District Area.

BAKE-HOUSES.

All these are small and subject to periodical inspection. They are kept clean, and are limewashed at intervals. There are no underground bake-houses.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

This work is carried out for this Authority at the Public Health Laboratories, Aberystwyth, both for water and milk.

WORKSHOPS.

These are few in number and are very small. They are occupied for the most part by the owner. Their sanitary condition are on the whole satisfactory.

SCHOOLS.

The supervision of the Schools is carried out in close co-operation with the School Medical Officer, who is also the County Medical Officer of Health.

Four schools were closed during the past year.

Notifiable/

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis)
DURING THE YEAR 1943.**

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Measles	20	1	1
Smallpox	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	17	1	1
Diphtheria	8	2	1
Enteric Fever	1	1	1
(including	1	1	1
Paratyphoid)	1	1	1
Puerperal Fever	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	1
Whooping Cough.	4	1	1

OTHER CASES NOTIFIABLE LOCALLY.

Erysipelas	0	0	0
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TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Period.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>		<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>		<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
65 & upwards.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	8	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1

The notification of this disease in the area is satisfactory.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered to me during the past year by the Sanitary Inspector Mr. Idwal Roberts.

I, beg to remain,
Your Obedient Servant,

R.W. Edwards.

B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Gwynndy,
Dolgellsey.
July, 1944